



**RICHFIELD RECREATION**

# Adult Softball

**SPRING / SUMMER 2017**

## **SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:**

- League play begins the week of April 24.
- Teams will be sanctioned through USSSA.
- Leagues available M, T, W, Th, & Sun evenings

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## Spring/Summer League Information

Thank you for your interest in Richfield Recreation Spring/Summer 2017 softball! League registrations are now being accepted. The Spring/Summer softball program has a variety of men's, co-rec, and corporate leagues to choose from. Pertinent information is enclosed in this newsletter. If you have any specific questions, please contact the League Director at 612-861-9396 or [nthompson@cityofrichfield.org](mailto:nthompson@cityofrichfield.org).

Play begins the week of April 24,

weather permitting, and continues through mid to late July for most leagues. Single elimination playoffs will follow league play for the top 8 teams in each league.

Leagues are available week nights, Monday through Thursday, and Sundays, with a variety of levels of play. See page 3 for a complete listing of leagues, dates and fees.

Registration information and forms are included in this newsletter. Please note that the number of teams in each league

is limited, so sign up now to secure your spot!

Teams will be sanctioned through USSSA and will be eligible for sanctioned regional, state and national tournaments.

League details are available at [www.cityofrichfield.org/softball](http://www.cityofrichfield.org/softball)



## Softball Highlights for 2017

We have a new user-friendly online registration system and encourage teams to check it out at [www.cityofrichfield.org/register](http://www.cityofrichfield.org/register)

Each team receives one game ball per regular-season game, distributed the first night of the season.

New for 2017, we will be offering a 5v5v5 softball league on Sunday evenings. Three teams will be playing on a field at a time with two teams on defense and the third batting.

No games will be scheduled

around Memorial Day or Independence Day (July 1-5).

All summer leagues will have a single elimination playoff following the regular season. The top 8 teams in each league are eligible for the playoffs.

## Other Adult Sports Leagues

Richfield Recreation has a number of adult leagues and activities available throughout the year. Current offerings are always available online at [www.cityofrichfield.org/adultsports](http://www.cityofrichfield.org/adultsports) or by contacting the Recreation office at 612-861-9385

### **UPCOMING LEAGUES**

#### Co-Rec Kickball

Day	Date	Games
Th	5/11-7/20	10 SH + playoffs
Fee: \$285 per team		

#### Bags Leagues

Day	Date	Games
Tu	6/6-7/25	12 DH + playoffs
Th	6/8-7/20	12 DH + playoffs
Fee: \$55 per team		

### **SUMMER LEAGUES**

Bags, Kickball, Tennis, Spikeball & more

Further details will be posted in the Richfield Recreation brochure published in late February.

### **FALL LEAGUES**

Men's & Co-Rec Softball, Kickball, Dodgeball, Football

### **WINTER LEAGUES**

5v5 Basketball, Dodgeball



**USSSA bat  
compliance mark**



**Teams can  
register and  
therefore hold a  
spot with a  
non-refundable  
\$100 deposit**

**Checklists and resources  
are available for team  
managers**



**ADULT SOFTBALL**

## USSSA Legal Bats

All bats used for Richfield Recreation leagues and USSSA tournament play must meet the standards set by USSSA. Legal bats will have the compliance mark, pictured at left.

In 2011, original 1.20 BPF testing procedures were revamped to reduce the possibility of improved performance of carbon fiber bats with overuse or alteration while maintaining the 1.20 BPF

standard. Bats passing the new test carry a new and easily identifiable USSSA mark on the taper of all USSSA licensed bats.

Additional bat information is available at [www.ussa.com](http://www.ussa.com).

## Frequently Asked Questions...

**Q. The registration deadline is March 24. Should I wait until then to register?**

A: Leagues usually fill before the registration deadline. We recommend holding a spot by registering with the \$100 non-refundable deposit.

**Q: My team is new to Richfield. Can I register now?**

A: You can register now with payment to get your team on the top of the wait list for available spots, but returning teams have priority through Feb. 27. Fees will be refunded if there is not a spot available in the league(s) of your choice. To increase your chances of getting in a league, prioritize as many different leagues that work for your team.

**Q. When are rosters due?**

A: Rosters are due the first night of league play and can be handed in to the Recreation Attendant at the fields. Blank roster sheets are available at [www.cityofrichfield.org/softball](http://www.cityofrichfield.org/softball). Players may be added to the roster throughout the regular season.

**Q: Where are games played?**

A: All games are played at Taft Softball Fields, 1800 E 63rd St.

**Q: Will my team be eligible to enter a state tournament?**

A: All teams will be sanctioned through USSSA and will be eligible for state USSSA tournaments. Tournament

information: [www.mnussa.com](http://www.mnussa.com)

**Q: When is the manager meeting?**

A: A manager open house is held in lieu of a full meeting. The open house will be Wednesday, April 12, 6:30-8:30pm at the Richfield Community Center. Managers can stop in for approximately 15-20 minutes to pick up league documents, briefly go over league highlights, and ask questions. Attendance is required for new teams only.

**Q: Where are the rules?**

A: The rules, manager's handbook, rosters, free agent forms and other league information and documents are available at [www.cityofrichfield.org/softball](http://www.cityofrichfield.org/softball)

## Team Manager Resources

### City Website

[www.cityofrichfield.org/softball](http://www.cityofrichfield.org/softball)

- Building & Managing an Adult Softball Team checklist
- Schedules & up-to-date standings
- Manager's handbook & league rules
- League documents: roster, rules, newsletter, etc.
- Previous year's results

### Minnesota USSSA Website

[www.mnussa.com](http://www.mnussa.com)

- USSSA softball rules
- USSSA tournaments including state tournament.

### National USSSA Website

[www.ussa.com](http://www.ussa.com)

- Various softball resources



### Weather Line

612-861-9189, option #1

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# Softball League Details

## MEN'S SOFTBALL LEAGUES

No games around Memorial Day (May 29-June 1) or Independence Day (July 1-5)

Monday Men's C/D Gold	8 teams	4/24—7/17	20 DH games + single-elim playoffs for top 8 teams	\$850
Monday Men's C/D Silver	8 teams	4/24—7/17	20 DH games + single-elim playoffs for top 8 teams	\$850
Tuesday Men's C/D	12 teams	4/25—7/11	20 DH games + single-elim playoffs for top 8 teams	\$850
Wednesday Men's D Gold	8 teams	4/26—7/12	20 DH games + single-elim playoffs for top 8 teams	\$850
Wednesday Men's D Silver	8 teams	4/26—7/12	20 DH games + single-elim playoffs for top 8 teams	\$850
Thursday Men's D Gold	8 teams	4/27—7/13	20 DH games + single-elim playoffs for top 8 teams	\$850
Thursday Men's D Silver	8 teams	4/27—7/13	20 DH games + single-elim playoffs for top 8 teams	\$850
NEW Sunday 5v5v5	8 teams	4/30—7/16*	14 DH games + single-elim playoffs for top 8 teams	\$400

## CO-REC SOFTBALL LEAGUES

No games on Memorial Day (May 29-June 1) or around Independence Day (July 1-5)

Sunday Co-Rec	12 teams	4/30—7/16*	14 DH games + single-elim playoffs for top 8 teams	\$710
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## CORPORATE CO-REC SOFTBALL LEAGUES

No games around Memorial Day (May 29-June 1) or Independence Day (July 1-5). Interested business/corporations can call 612-861-9396 to inquire about signing up. Corporate Co-Rec male:female or female:male ratio can be up to 2:1

Tuesday Corporate Co-Rec	8 teams	4/25—7/11	10 SH games + single-elim playoffs for top 8 teams	\$480
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\*Sunday leagues play eight evenings over a 12-week period.

All games are played at Taft Park, 1800 East 63rd Street, Richfield, MN 55423

# New 5v5v5 Softball League

The Cities of Richfield and Bloomington are pleased to announce that we will be collaborating on an all-new league format, 5v5v5. That's not a typo! 5v5v5.

The new format make it far easier to field a team. Three teams of five players will be on a field at a time. Two of the teams will be playing defense while the third bats.

Teams will play 14 regular season games, with the majority of those being doubleheaders with single elimination playoffs following. Get a team together now and register!

# Registration Information

**Returning teams** have priority through Friday, February 24 for the league for which they were signed up in the previous year.

**Transferring teams:** Returning teams may transfer to a different night, pending space, on Monday, February 27.

**New teams** may register at any time, however, returning teams have priority through February 27. League fees will be refunded if a spot is not available. All available spots are first-pay, first-play beginning Tuesday, February 28.

**Refunds/Cancellations:** If a league doesn't get enough teams, full refunds will be given.

If a team chooses to back out after the registration deadline, no refund will be given.

**How do I sign up?** Teams may reserve a spot with a \$100 non-refundable deposit or full payment. Full league fee due by Friday, March 24 at 5:00 p.m.—\$50 late fee after, if your spot is not taken.

**NEW—Register online:**

We have a new user-friendly online registration system. [www.cityofrichfield.org/register](http://www.cityofrichfield.org/register)

**Register via fax, email, mail or in-person:** A completed and signed registration form along with payment can be submitted:

**In person or mail:**  
Richfield Recreation,  
7000 Nicollet Ave.  
Richfield, MN 55423  
**Fax\*:** 612-861-9388  
**Email\*:** [nthompson@cityofrichfield.org](mailto:nthompson@cityofrichfield.org)

\*Credit card payment may be called in once a completed form is received. Do not write your card number on the form.

## Deadlines & Important Dates:

**Registration Opens:**  
Currently open

**Returning Teams:**  
Friday, February 24

**Transferring Teams:**  
Monday, February 27

**Registration & Payment:**  
Friday, March 24, 5:00pm

**Manager Open House:**  
Wednesday, April 12,  
6:30-8:30pm, Richfield  
Community Center

**First Games:**  
The week of April 24.

# Adult Sports Registration Form

Return form via: Fax: 612-861-9388 / Scan & Email: nthompson@cityofrichfield.org / Mail/drop-off: 7000 Nicollet Avenue Richfield, MN 55423



## MANAGER INFORMATION

Last name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ DOB (M/D/Y) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

\*E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

\*Your e-mail will be used as the primary form of communication. A frequently-checked email address must be listed.

Phones: H: \_\_\_\_\_ W: \_\_\_\_\_ C: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternative Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Ph: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## TEAM & LEAGUE INFORMATION

Team Name \_\_\_\_\_

2016 Team name (returning teams for priority registration) \_\_\_\_\_

USSSA Classification (if applicable): ☐ C ☐ D Comp ☐ D Rec ☐ E

*If you want to appeal your classification for the up-coming season, please enclose a letter with your registration*

Register my team for (indicate your top 3 choices, i.e. 1st, 2nd, 3rd)

Men's Softball		
full	Mon C/D Gold	\$850
full	Mon C/D Silver	\$850
	Tues C/D	\$850
	Wed D Gold	\$850
full	Wed D Silver	\$850
full	Th D Gold	\$850
full	Th D Silver	\$850
	Sun 5v5v5	\$400

Corporate Softball	
Tues	\$480

Co-Rec Softball	
Sun	\$710

Co-Rec Kickball	
Th	\$285

Spikeball	
Mon	\$65

Baggo	
Tues	\$55
Th	\$55

### Voluntary Program Participation

I understand that my or my child's participation in this program is voluntary and that the program is offered for the benefit of participants. I also understand that the risk of injury to myself or child from the activities in the program is significant, including potential for permanent disability and death. In consideration of my or my child being allowed to participate, I knowingly assume all such risks, both known and unknown, even if arising from the negligence of the City of Richfield, its agents or employees. For myself, my child, my spouse and our heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, I release and hold harmless the City of Richfield, its agents and employees with respect to any and all injury, disability, death, loss or damage to person or property arising out of connected to my or my child's participation in this program, whether arising from the negligence of the City or otherwise, to the fullest extent permitted by law."

### Consent to Photography and Video Recordings of Programs

Richfield Recreation Services uses photography and video recordings to document activities and promote recreation opportunities. Participation in a recreation activity acts as your consent to such photographs and recordings unless you indicate otherwise to City staff.

Name of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_ Participant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## FEE & PAYMENT INFORMATION

### Cancellations and Refunds

If you need to withdraw from a program, you must notify the Recreation Services office before the registration deadline.

- Richfield Recreation Services Department reserves the right to cancel class(es) or activities due to insufficient enrollment or issues beyond our control. Full refunds will be given when programs are canceled by our department.

- No refunds will be given after the registration deadline.

- Men's & Co-Rec softball registration only:

- \*\$100 non-refundable deposit or full payment will reserve a team spot or put a new team on the waitlist.

- \*If a spot in one of your chosen leagues is not available, you will receive a full refund of your deposit.

- \*If you cancel your registration before the registration deadline, you will receive a refund less the \$100 deposit.

League Fee: \_\_\_\_\_

Resident discount if applicable\* \_\_\_\_\_

Total Fees: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Cash ☐ Check (# \_\_\_\_\_) payable to City of Richfield

☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover

*If paying with credit card, please call in your credit card information after registration form has been faxed or scanned/emailed.*

\*Resident discount applies when teams are composed of 75% or more residents players (live or work full-time in Richfield). A completed roster must accompany registration form to qualify. Discounts: \$50 for summer softball, \$25 for fall softball, and \$25 for 5v5 basketball. Resident discounts do not apply for Cities Cooperative leagues including 3v3 basketball, dodgeball, lacrosse, bags, football, kickball, tennis, and spikeball, among

OFFICE USE ONLY: Date Received: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Time Received: \_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_ Staff Initials: \_\_\_\_